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George Martin, Grade Crossing Planner, Rail Division

Re:

PUCO Case 10-821-RR-FED

Date:

June 26, 2012

By its Entry dated June 30, 2010, the Commission approved a Subsidy Agreement entered into by staff, the Ohio Rail Development Commission (ORDC), the City of Bedford and the Cleveland Commercial Railroad (CCRL) whereby the grade crossings located at Monroe St (DOT# 475968S) and S Park St (DOT# 475969Y) would be permanently closed to pedestrian and vehicular traffic. In exchange, the grade crossings located at Powers St (DOT# 524342Y), Willis St (DOT# 475971 A) and N Park St (DOT# 475970T) would be upgraded to flashing lights and roadway gates. Additionally, the Powers St grade crossing warning devices were ordered to be interconnected with the highway traffic signals (traffic preemption). These projects were to be completed by June 30, 2011.

By subsequent Commission Entries, the completion date for these projects was extended to July 2, 2012.

On June 26, 2012, CCRL filed in this docket a request for an extension of time until July 31, 2012 to complete the projects. CCRL states that it has made progress with utility relocations, with two of three companies having relocated wires. The City of Bedford has been working with the remaining utility towards the relocation. Additionally, Commission staff have been involved in this effort.

CCRL further notes that ordered traffic preemption has been installed, tested, and found to be operational. Upon relocation of the remaining wire, the gates at Powers Road will be installed, and the preemption circuitry will be activated.

Staff recommends that the Attorney Examiner grant the request.

C: Legal Department

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